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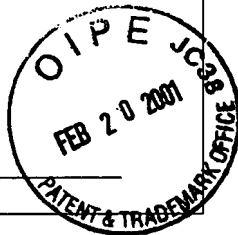
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

JAMES F. MARINO et al.

Application No.: 09/469,727

Filed: December 21, 1999

For: BONY TISSUE RESECTOR

Examiner: PHILPGENE, P.

Art Unit: 3732

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 8 as follows. Please cancel claim 3. Please add new claims 12 and 13 as follows. All claims are reproduced for convenient reference below:

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- 1 1. (Amended) A bony tissue resecting system, comprising:
 - 2 a cannula having a side aperture near its distal end; and
 - 3 a rotatable resecting element received within the cannula the rotatable
 - 4 resecting element having a hollowed out distal end.
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- 1 2. (As filed) The bony tissue resecting system of claim 1, wherein, the rotatable resecting
 - 2 element can be distally advanced within the cannula.
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- 1 3. (Canceled)

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